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DEPARTMENT PASS AID AND AGRICULTURE

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: EAID, EFIN, EAGR
SUBJ: ADDRESS BY SAYED MAREI

REF: STATE 310551

1. AGATTACHE ATTENDED JANUARY 9 ADDRESS AT
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY CAIRO BY SAYED MAREI, SPEAKER
OF EGYPTIAN PEOPLES ASSEMBLY AND PRESIDENT WORLD
FOOD COUNCIL (WFC). WHILE SUBJECT WAS BILLED AS
THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS AND ROLE OF SCIENTISTS THEREIN,
MAREI DISREGARDED WRITTEN TEXT AND SPOKE EXTEMPORANEOUSLY
FO OVER ONE HOUR. REMARKS WERE RAMBLING AND DIFFICULT
TO FOLLOW, SWITCHING CONSTANTLY FROM DEVELOPMENTS
LEADING TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN 1974, FIRST TWO (2)
MEEETINGS OF WFC IN 1975 AND 1976, AND CREATION OF
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
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(IFAD), WITHOUT IDENTIFYING WHICH HE WAS
COVERING AT ANY GIVEN TIME. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING
SPECIFIC REMARKS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO WASHINGTON
AGENCIES.

2. WHILE CREDITING USG AS BEING FIRST COUNTRY TO
RESPOND TO CRISIS SITUATIONS WITH FOOD AID, HE WAS

VERY CRITICAL OF USG UNWILLINGNESS TO AGREE TO
INTERNATIONALLY MANAGED SYSTEM OF GRAIN RESERVES
IN INTEREST OF FOOD SECURITY AND PRICE STABILITY.
HE DREW UNFAVORABLE COMPARISON BETWEEN USG INTEREST
IN STABLE OIL PRICES, REFERRING TO SECRETARY
KISSINGER BY NAME IN THIS CONTEXT, AND OUR UNWILL-
INGNESS TO STABILIZE GRAIN PRICES.

3. MARIE TERMED FIRST MEETING OF WFC A TOTAL
DISASTER AND SECOND ONLY SLIGHTLY BETTER, BUT
EXPRESSED HOPE THAT 1977 MEETING WILL BE MORE
SUCCESSFUL.

4. CREATION OF IFAD RECEIVED MORE ATTENTION THAN
ANY OTHER SUBJECT. MAREI IMPLIED THAT THIS WAS
MAJOR (AND ALMOST THE ONLY) OBJECTIVE GROWING OUT
OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. HE TOOK PERSONAL CREDIT
FOR OVERCOMING OECD HAGGLING OVER EXACT FIFTY-FIFTY
BALANCE BETWEEN OECD AND OPEC CONTRIBUTIONS BY
PERSUADING IRAN TO INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION.

5. MAREI STATED THAT TEHRAN WOULD BE LOCATION
OF IFAD HEADQUARTERS.
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